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news release

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WASHINGTON, D C -- Rep Kika de la Garza today issued the following statement:

"If you have a loved one in the military whether serving in Desert Storm or here at home, and you would like to recognize the contributions made by the sons and daughters, husbands and wives, and extended family of our soldiers, there is a way to do so -- it is by displaying the **Shield of Honor**. The **Shield of Honor** is a continuation of the tradition begun during World War II in which families of the military were given blue stars to hang in their windows. These appeared in hundreds of thousands of homes across America and were proudly displayed.

"The poster is a colorful one with "Family of a Patriot" emblazoned across the center and a border of red, white and blue. It symbolizes the highest degree of respect and honor that the USA and its people extend to you and to your loved ones.

"If you have a loved one in the military and would like one of these posters to display, I am proud to be able to make them available. You may pick one up at my office in McAllen which is located at 1418 Beech Street, # 135 or my office in Alice which is located at 401 East Second Street, Suite 201. If you're unable to go to either of these locations please contact me here in Washington by calling 202-225-2531 or writing 1401 LHCB, House of Representatives, Washington, D C 20515. Please be certain to provide your complete address as well as the name and military address of your loved ones.

"To these families I want to say may God protect all those who are involved in the national defense whether at home or abroad. May God honor the sacrifice of the many who again are called upon to risk making that ultimate sacrifice, and we thank Him for having brought us to this point where there is a cease-fire. America truly appreciates you, honors you and owes you heartfelt thanks. You are in our hearts and our prayers. We salute you."

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